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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Amy Haugen
Kevin Rowney

Art Unit: 2161

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Application No.: 09/637,387

Filed: August 11, 2000

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PROMOTION ALGORITHM AND
CIRCUIT BREAKER

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2 and add new claims 3-15 as follows.

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1.-2. Canceled

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3. (NEW) A method for providing a redemption system for use with a

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network promotion system, wherein the network promotion system provides awards to

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consumers for participation in promotion programs, the method comprising steps of:

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receiving award transaction information describing the awards earned by the

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consumers for participation in the promotion programs;

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